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Anticolonial Solidarities and Resistance: Learning from Ireland to Palestine

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This roundtable addresses the horizontal and temporal learning and building of community that occurs between and across anticolonial movements. In speaking to the current moment of the Palestinian anticolonial struggle, this roundtable highlights the importance of transnational support in maintaining the resilience and vitality of anticolonial movements. This session explores the history of anticolonial connectivities, focusing particularly on Ireland and Palestine, as well as other sites of support. We hope to observe and discuss what travels between geographies of resistance, from the prisoners' movement strategies, to anticolonial literature, and symbols, stories of heroes and other structures that sustain struggles over time. What does looking across sites of anticolonial struggle tell us about international relations more broadly, perhaps sitting at odds with the methodological nationalism that at times dominates the discipline. In this way, this roundtable collectively investigates anticolonial imaginaries and futures, and the ways in which solidarities allow to re-think contemporary political, economic and social relations.

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